

REMARKS

This responds to the Office Action dated December 11, 2008.

No claims are amended, claims 40-42 are canceled, and claims 43-60 are added; as a result, claims 1-10, 13-14, 17-22, 27-39, and 43-60 are now pending in this application.

§102 Rejection of the Claims

Claims 40-42 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) for anticipation by Makinson (U.S. Patent No. 7,023,861). Claims 40-42 are canceled at this time to obtain a timely allowance of the present application. Applicant will pursue the claims in a continuing application to be filed at a later date.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1-10, 13-14, 17-22 and 27-39 were indicated allowed. Applicant thanks the Examiner for this indication.

Newly Added Claims

Applicant has added new claims 43-60. Applicant respectfully submits that the newly added claims are supported by the specification as filed. For example, the newly added claims are supported throughout the specification as originally filed at least as follows:

- Claims 43-43
 - Paragraphs [0023], [0042-0043], [0048-[0049];
- Claims 47-52
 - Paragraph [0054];
- Claims 53-56
 - Paragraphs [0046 – 0049]
- Claim 57-60
 - Paragraphs [0027], [0038], [0049], [0063].

Each of the newly added claims is dependent upon a claim indicated as allowable in the last Office Action. Thus, the newly added claims are also therefore patentable. Allowance of claims 43-60 is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully submits that claims 1-10, 13-14, 17-22, 27-39, and 43-60 are in condition for allowance, and notification to that effect is earnestly requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicant's representative at (612) 373-6938 to facilitate prosecution of this application.


If necessary, please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-0743.

Respectfully submitted,

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